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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jie Shen, et al.

Application No.: 10/597,225

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Art Unit: 1614

For: Methods and Compositions for the Treatment of
Conditions Related to Gastric Acid Secretion

Examiner: J. D. Anderson

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a five month extension of time to and including December 16, 2009, to respond to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2009.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with the continuation application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1700 in the amount of \$1,175.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 07-1700, under Order No. ALV-005.

Dated: December 16, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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